

I. Amendments

The title was amended to more particularly point out the invention being claimed.

The address of the ATCC was amended to reflect its new location in VA.

New claims 42-67 find support in the claims as originally filed and throughout the specification. In particular, claims 42(c), 48, 54(c) and 60 find support, for example, on page 12, lines 28 and 29.

Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Prior pending claims 31-33 were rejected for reading on methods for the production of polypeptides for which the specification had allegedly failed to provide an adequate "how to use" teaching.

None of the newly presented claims are drawn to methods of producing such polypeptides. Applicants expressly assert that these claims were canceled for the sole purpose of facilitating prosecution, and not in an effort to overcome any 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims in related applications.

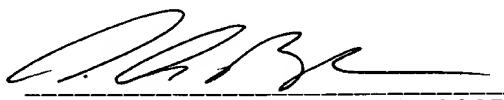
In view of the claim amendments and remarks above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made under this section.

III. Summary

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference would expedite prosecution she is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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